At a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the County of Suffolk, held at Woodbridge, in the said County, on Friday the 15th Day of June, 1798:

PRESENT.

P. Bowes Broke, Esq.
Francis Brooke, Esq.
Charles Stisted, Esq.
P. Bacon, Esq.
John Sheppard, Esq.
} Deputy Lieutenants.

Rev. Richard Frank, D. D. Justice.

Lieutenant General Nesbit Balfour.

It is recommended that an immediate arrangement be made by the Deputy Lieutenants, Magistrates, and principal Gentlemen living near the Sea Coast (in particular) to communicate with the Officers at the Signal Houses, (where a Signal is already fixed upon for an Enemies Fleet being on the Coast of Suffolk,) in order that no Time may be lost in giving the necessary Alarm to the Country.

That the Signal recommended for collecting of Stock, be a *Red* Flag, hoisted on the Parish Churches, and at the same time the Bell, or Bells belonging to the same, shall be rung briskly, which Signal is to be taken up when the Signal is made from the Signal House that the Enemies Fleet is on the Coast.

On this Signal being made, which must be clearly understood, the Leaders of Stock and the Proprietors are immediately to send proper Persons to collect the Stock (Horses in particular) and drive them to the first Places of Rendezvous.

That the first Places of Rendezvous shall be at least five Miles from the Sea Coast, from whence the Stock will be driven to the Places already fixed upon for the different Districts as their general Rendezvous, if the Enemy shall have effected a Landing.

That it be recommended, that Alarm Posts, or Places of Meeting for the several Volunteer, and Pioneer Companies, as also a Signal for their Assembling, be fixed upon by their Captains, and clearly understood by the Officers, and the Men of their several Companies.

As expeditious movements are of the utmost Importance in case of an Enemy effecting a Landing upon the Coast, it is recommended, that the Deputy Lieutenants, Magistrates, and principal Gentlemen do immediately take into consideration, and arrange the Plan that shall appear to them the most practicable, and attended with the least inconvenience to the Country, for the Purposes of assisting the Military with Waggons and Carts, to convey the Soldiers towards any part of the Coast that may be attacked.

For although a general Plan is in some degree arranged in parts of the County, yet it is feared, unless something more specifick and better calculated to produce immediate Effect is fixed upon, and clearly understood, that in the Confusion to be expected in case of actual Invasion, so much time will be lost in bringing the Waggons to the Places fixed upon, that no general Utility will be derived from it to the Troops.

That when such a Plan is arranged, they do immediately communicate the same to the Officers commanding at Ipswich.

That it is recommended to the Deputy Lieutenants, to require the Returns to be made in each of their respective Subdivisions, and to have them drawn out with the greatest accuracy as quickly as possible, according to the inclosed Form; and that when the Returns are received by the different Subdivisions, that they be immediately transmitted to the Clerk of the Meetings at Ipswich, to be by him made into one general Return, a Copy of which is to be sent to the Officer commanding at Ipswich.

T. NOTCUTT,
Clerk of the Meetings.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lord Lieutenant of this County to transmit to you the above Recommendations from a General Meeting of Lieutenancy, and also a Copy of a Schedule sent to the different Parishes, in order to procure a Return of the Particulars therein stated, and am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. NOTCUTT.

Ipswich, 4th July, 1798.